

## House Resolution No. 2662

**Whereas**, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the significant achievements of a life gone by, that of the Reverend Dr. Stuart E. Whitney, who passed to his eternal reward on April 26, 2005; and

**Whereas**, Stuart Whitney was serving as pastor at Grand Avenue Temple United Methodist Church when several churches and synagogues came together to establish a temporary, overnight shelter in the basement of the church in downtown Kansas City, Missouri, that was open to all individuals; and

**Whereas**, reStart, Inc. was formed and incorporated as an interfaith ministry for homeless persons in 1984, with Stuart serving as the Founding Executive Director until July of 2002; and

**Whereas**, Stuart's commitment to advocacy on behalf of the homeless was evident in his role as Founding Executive Director of reStart, Inc., which provided 82,147 bednights to 2,848 homeless individuals in 2001, and after reading about Stuart and reStart, Representative Brooks became a regular contributor to reStart's mission of clothing the needy; and

**Whereas**, often referred to as the "thirteenth member of the City Council", Stuart Whitney chaired the Mayor's Committee on Homeless Services and was instrumental in the establishment of the Missouri Housing Development Commission - Housing Trust Fund, the Kansas City Homelessness Trust Fund, and the Jackson County Housing Resource Commission; and

**Whereas**, a native of Trenton, Stuart Whitney leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Susan Vogel; his stepchildren, Cathy Terzis and David Vogel; his sister, Margaret Levine; and his three grandchildren and one great-grandchild:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in paying final tribute to Stuart Whitney, a remarkable gentleman of peace and kindness in this world who will be sadly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and loving him; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the widow of the late Reverend Dr. Stuart E. Whitney, as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks  
District No. 37

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 2662, adopted April 28, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker